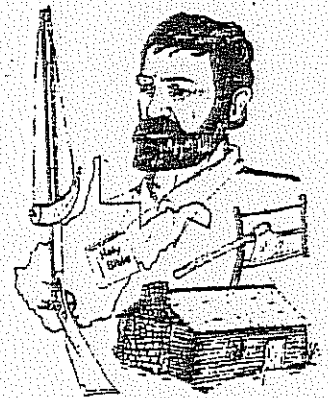


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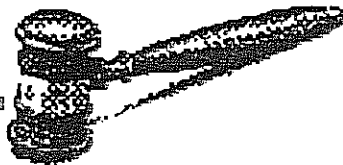
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From the Desk

of the Director



Today is a beautiful day here in central West Virginia. A wonderful reminder that spring will soon be here. As spring approaches, it is a reminder that we **MUST** do something to preserve the outside of our building before another winter comes around.

Many of you have seen the letter which President, Mary Creamer, posted to the HCPD-List outlining our plan for installing vinyl siding to maintain and preserve the Library. Also included with this Journal is a copy of that letter and a form which can be returned with your donation.

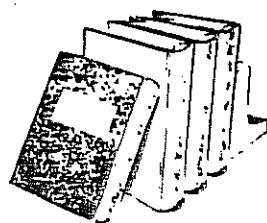
It seems that we are frequently asking our members to assist us with donations for many things for our organization. Perhaps we need to explain why we are in need of donations for this siding project. Although there are grants available for some purposes, most are not for "bricks and mortar" but for preservation of records and documents. HCPD does not qualify for many of these grants because, although we are open to the public, we are not considered a "Public Library". In order to be a public library, we would have to have a certified Librarian on staff.

Therefore, we must be pretty much self-sufficient. Our budget is funded primarily from our membership fees, sales of our publications and special events like our spaghetti dinners, the Eatin' Singin' History Festival, yard sales and our participation in the Stonewall Jackson Jubilee each year. Donations from our generous and supportive members also help us to meet our operating expenses.

We do appreciate all of you and the things you do for HCPD. Not only do we appreciate the monetary donations but also the donation of library materials, donation of your time to transcribe materials, and time to help us with our various activities throughout the year.

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Betty Ann



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Some Pages from the Story of Lewis County in the World War

As told by Lawrence PROUDFOOT to Roy Bird COOK

"Good-bye Ma, Good-bye Pa. Good-bye Mule, with yer old hee-haw,
I may not know what the war's about, but you bet, by gosh, I'll soon find out,
An'O, my sweetheart, don't you fear, I'll bring you a KING for a sou-ve-nir,
I'll git you a Turk an' a Kaiser too,
An' that's about all one feller could do."

The opening days of August, 1914, brought to Weston papers from the larger cities bearing the news that Germany had declared war on Russia, the result, so it was stated, of troubles in Austria, Hungary and Serbia, arising out of the assassination of Prince Ferdinand and his Princess, at Sarajevo. People viewed the news with incredulous amazement. Many believed it would soon be over and in the end the disputants would turn to our great nation for guidance and assistance to that end. But with the collapse, in September following, of Von Kluck's movement upon Paris, the theory of a short war began to disappear. Out of this situation emerged a war embroiling Belgium, France and England, and soon the United States was found in a three cornered struggle embracing the rights of Germany, Great Britain and ourselves.

Great Britain and Germany were determined to damage each other as much as possible, and our nation was equally determined to uphold its rights on the high seas, if it could be done without going to war. The many issues involved are a part of national history, and have little place here.

The closing months of the first year of the war found mysteriously worded warnings in New York newspapers relative to the possible sacrifice of life if Americans sailed on the high seas on certain vessels. Little was thought of this until the news flashed over the land that at 2:00 P. M., May 7, 1915, the great liner *Lusitania* had been sunk by a submarine without any warning whatever. The vessel went down in twenty-one minutes, bearing with it eleven hundred and fifty-four persons, of whom one hundred fourteen were American citizens. The situation that now confronted President WILSON was not unlike that which confronted Lincoln in 1861, except that the differences among our own states was fairly well defined, while in the latter case the average man in the streets had no well conceived idea as to the

foreign situation. Public passion flamed to a white heat. Crowds stood before bulletin boards; youth and old age clamored for the protection of national honor and rights. **WILSON's** ultimatum to Germany, which resulted in the resignation of Mr. **BRYAN** from the cabinet, was followed by the sinking of the *Arabic* a month later -- and then Germany gave a pledge that "liners" would not be sunk in the future without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants. President **WILSON** then made a tour of the country, urging military preparedness - but even yet the people were rather indifferent.

German agents soon became active in the United States. In April, 1916, the papers of one of these agents were seized in New York. This afforded proof, if proof was needed, of the violation of neutrality laws. In the meantime the same agency was fomenting trouble in Mexico. It had resulted in the Mexican renegade leader, Villa, swooping down on the little town of Columbus, New Mexico, on March 9th, killing seventeen Americans. The President at once ordered a punitive expedition into Mexico, under command of Brigadier-General Pershing. For the time being Weston folks, and West Virginians, turned to discussions of the "watchful waiting" policy, and the affairs in the southwest. Men of the National Guard units were sent to the border, some to remain until the Spring of 1917.

The summer of 1916 witnessed a Presidential campaign. Justice Charles E. **HUGHES**, of the Supreme Court, resigned to carry the Republican banner. The Democratic nominee was, of course, Mr. **WILSON**. Mr. **HUGHES** appeared in West Virginia and the writer can recall yet the reverberation of "he 'kept us out of war," as it resounded down the corridors of the hall in Huntington. But in the end no one could keep us "out of war."

On January 22, 1917, President **WILSON** in his last attempt at an effort to establish peace appeared before the Senate. So far as Europe was concerned the President might as well have talked to the verdant hills of West Virginia. The "last straw" followed on January 31st. Ambassador **BERNSTORFF** handed a note to Secretary Lansing, informing the United States that on the next day "unrestricted submarine warfare" would begin.

On February 28th the United States made public a communication from Germany to Mexico, proposing an alliance and offering as a reward the return of Mexico's lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. During the month one hundred thirty-four vessels had been sunk in the unrestricted submarine warfare.

The month of March brought a delay, difficult to explain. The public press agreed that war was inevitable. Men in Weston and the rural communities, just as men did elsewhere over the nation, hastened to join existing military units, believing that actual service would follow. But it was not until April 2nd that President **WILSON** appeared before a joint session of the Sixty Fifth Congress. A resolution was

introduced in both houses reciting that the Imperial German Government had committed "repeated acts of war against the Government and people of the United States, and war became a reality by the passage of the resolution in the House, on April 6th.

The first conscription act was passed May 18th, establishing a single class of men between the age of twenty-one and thirty. The country was divided into some forty-five hundred districts. Other acts followed not to be noted here.

While a great many of the men from Lewis who responded to the first call were members of Company C, First West Virginia Infantry, others were from various units of the same regiment. As being of interest in the future, from a historical standpoint, and as a matter of record, a roster is appended showing the persons from Lewis County who reported for duty on the call of the President, of April 2, 1917.

Name	Rank	Address
ARNOLD , Jackson	Lt. Col., 1 st WV Infantry	Weston
LOUGH , Loy	Musician, 1 st Class	McWhorter
HURST , Buery	COOK	Weston
SMITH , Frank D.	Cobbler, Supply Co	Weston
HARPER , John G.	Private, Machine Gun Co.	Horner
GOE , Norval C.	Sergeant Co. A.	Weston
STONEKING , Homer A.	Corporal Co.	Kennedy Station
CRAWFORD , Gwyne H.	Private Co. A.	Jane Lew
KELLER , RAYmond J.	Private Co. A.	Weston
SWISHER , Lannis M.	Private Co. B.	Wild Cat
FRUM , Wayne W.	Private Co. L.	Weston
MCCARTNEY , Troy A.	Private Co. L.	Wild Cat
WILL , Walter B.	Sergt. 2 nd Reg.	Alum Bridge

Company "C" First Infantry organized at Buckhannon, February 19, 1914, called into U. S. service, March 28, 1917, mustered into U. S. Army, August 5, 1917. Joseph C. **BERRY**, Captain. James L. **HARVEY**, First Lieutenant.

(The company roster follows on the next page.)

HARRIS, Lawrence B.	Second Lieut.	Weston
FUCCY, Sullivan J.	Sergeant	Weston
THOMPSON, Wilbur F.	"	Waldeck
BURR, Harry R.	Corporal	Weston
LINGER, Claude W.	Corporal	Horner
STALNAKER, Charles B.	"	Horner
STALNAKER, French	Mechanic	Horner
MARSH, Charles R.	COOK	Weston
MOFFETT, Richard E.	COOK	Weston
BRIGHT, Lawrence		Weston
BRIGHT, James		Weston
COOK, William Aldine		Weston
GOODWIN, Ross		Jane Lew
LINGER, Lewis		Weston
PROUDFOOT, Lawrence E.		"
RAY, Guy J.		"
SHEARER, Charles		"
SMITH, Romeo		"
ABLE, Tom		"
ALDERSON, William E.		"
BENNETT, Charles		"
BROWN, Otha C.		"
BUSCH, Gail W.		"
BUTCHER, Henry		"
BUTCHER, Lewis		"
CLARK, Layman A.		"
CONNOLLY, Guy B.		"
CORK, Russell		"
FRUM, Wayne W.		"
GREENLEE, Raymond S.		"
GOULD, Addison S.		"
HITT, Arden H.		"
HURST, Beury		"
HYRE, Troy E.		"
KEEFER, Patrick		"
KING, Henry		"
LINGER, William H.		"

MARKLEY, Russel		"
MARSH, James		"
MCNEMAR, James F.		"
NORTON, Roy		Copley
PICKENS, Harold		Weston
PICKENS, Carl		Weston
RADCLIFF, Carl A.		Copley
ROBY, Harry		Weston
SMITH, Frank D.		Weston
SMITH, Claude		Weston
SMITH, Carl		Weston
STALNAKER, Joker		Horner
STRALEY, Richard		Weston
THOMPSON, Roy E.		Weston
WILBURN, Thomas N.		Weston
WINEMILLER, Earl		Weston

Company C Starts on a Long Journey

"Good-bye Broadway, Hello France - We're ten million strong, Good-bye sweethearts, wives and mothers - It won't take us long, Don't worry while we're there, It's for you we are fighting too - So Good-bye Broadway, Hello France - We're going to square our debt to you."

Company C meant little to the "town boys" in the winter of 1916-1917. War we knew would come, and if there was to be war, with the outlook of youth, we wanted in it. It was discussed by men who had seen service in the Civil War. It was the chief topic in the **BAILEY** House, which had seen two wars. The "public forum" in the Camden Hotel was reflected in the "symposium" held in Ralston's Drug Store, and other meeting places, where one Clarksburg over a morning drink at the fountain to discuss the latest news. Men struggled in from Sutton who had been down on the Mexican border to fight "horned toads" and all the rest at "San Antone."

Then an avenue opened for us and in we went, thinking that in a few weeks we might land in France, not knowing of the days to follow of scorching sunshine under Southern skies where for some reason we spent months training other men to "do and die" long before we ever got a look at the "pond" ourselves.

Buckhannon boasted of a skeleton Company, Company C, of the first Regiment, West Virginia Infantry, commanded by Captain Joseph O. **BERRY**, member of a family that produced several captains in the Confederate army in years gone by. The few members in that city and Weston failed to make a full company in the National Guard. At Sutton were a few men just back from service in the Second West Virginia Infantry, on the Mexican border, who had been mustered out of service. These men were enlisted but still the Company was not up to war strength. Captain **BERRY** then turned his attention to Weston, where he secured the cooperation of Lawrence B. **HARRIS**, a prominent young man of this city, who set about to recruit the company up to regulation strength, and who was soon after made Second Lieutenant in the company.

March 31, 1917, marked the first local enlistments headed by William A. **COOK**, a popular young pharmacist, the writer following next in line, then Sullivan **FUCCY**, of athletic renown. We all took the oath and were followed by many others, most of the enlistments dating from the same time. A man from the Buckhannon contingent came over and for a week we had daily drills in the old Armory at the corner of Fourth and Centre streets. In a week most of us knew, so we then thought, all there was to know about squads right, squads left, forward march, etc. Then it was rumored that we had been ordered down the river to Fairmont.

On the afternoon of April 11th we assembled in the armory for the last time; some never saw it again. We were ordered to entrain at 6 P. M. for Buckhannon. Things began to assume a more serious aspect as we made ready to leave home, parents and friends. But in spite of the fact that war had been declared four days before, people seemed scarcely to realize it. As a **BAILEY** House porter said, "You boys're jes eechin for action, you gwine git it now," but it was with a touch of solemnity that we boarded the **PICKENS** train. No throngs gathered to say good-bye as in the days to follow. Just our folks - and a few others - but after all "our folks" are the ones that meant most to us.

Buckhannon is a wonderful place in summer. Shade trees galore, but such a cold place in the winter, if you are out of luck for a bed. Arriving at Buckhannon some found beds at the hotels, others slept on the armory floor, and, many months later in France, looked back with envious eyes on those who had found a dry spot to spread their blankets on the Armory floor.

The morning of the 12th found the Company C in line at the armory for roll-call, and, marching to the station, we entrained for Fairmont. We left amid shouts of "good~bye," "good luck," and in the best of humor ourselves. At Grafton we were delayed an hour waiting on a company from Tunnelton, which had fared some better than ourselves in getting a few uniforms.

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Part II

extract from the Exponent Telegram

History of Descendants of Abraham BENNETT Who Settled at Dola, West Virginia 1796

By L.E. BENNETT

1932

Transcribed by Dick Wilt and Submitted by Nan Adams

Ohio Branch

Abraham BENNETT, born September 10, 1780, was the third child and first son of Abraham (1745) and Catharine BENNETT. He was born near Philadelphia, probably in Montgomery County. We know Abraham (1745) bought a tract of land in 1784 in Upper Dublin Township, and it is quite probable the BENNETTs lived in that county in 1780. This boy was 18 years old when the family came to West Virginia, then Virginia. Educational facilities in this state at that time were practically non-existent and whatever education the boy had he got in Pennsylvania and in the woods. But trees, flowers, babbling brooks, wild animals and the mysterious workings of nature teach lessons of life not found in textbooks. Hard knocks are the tools which form strong character, and Abraham had all these with the resultant consequences. He like his father was a man for the times. He went into new country cleared the forests, tilled the soil, produced a family of seven boys and three girls, and helped to develop our great neighboring state Ohio.

When 21 years old Abraham (1780) was married November 26, 1801, to Martha (Patty) Hall, of Virginia. (See marriage records book 1 and 2, page 55, county clerk's office Harrison County, West Virginia.) It was the law at that time that the young man about to be married was required to give a marriage bond. In book 1, page 442, Marriage Bonds, in the office just mentioned a bond, reading as follows, is recorded.

"Know all men by these presents that we Abraham BENNETT Jr and Abraham BENNETT are held and firmly bound unto Isaac M.--, governor of the common wealth of Virginia, in the sum of \$150, which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves and each of our heirs do promise by these presents. Witness our hands and seals this 24th day of November, 1801, and in the 26th year of the commonwealth."

"The conditions of the above obligation are such that should there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended between the above bound Abraham BENNETT, Jr., and Martha Hall of said county, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue.

(Seal) "Abraham BENNETT, Jr.,

(Seal) "Abraham BENNETT,

"Nov. 20, 1801, Sir: This is to certify that I do give free consent for my daughter Martha to be married to Abraham BENNETT and for you to give him license.

Hall. (Seal) "From your friend, Samuel

witnesses."

So, after these preliminaries, Abraham and Martha were married the day after Christmas, 1801, "and lived happily ever after." I am wondering whether the "marriage bond" would not be a good thing now.

Carried Children

Abraham (1780) and Martha continued to live in Virginia for some time after their marriage, but about 1806 they decided to go to the new state of Ohio. The question was, how to get there? They had three children, George, Jane, and Isaac, one horse, one cow and their household goods. They solved the problem in this way: Martha took a heavy piece of strong homemade linen that would not tear, made a pocket on either end of it, laid it across the horse like saddlebags, put George in one pocket and Jane in the other. She rode on a side-saddle and carried the baby, Isaac. Then she tied the clothing on the cow's back and Abraham led the cow. Thus they started on their journey which led them to a point midway between what is now Somerset and New Lexington, Ohio, where they settled on 160 acres of land in Perry County.

To this union there were born ten children. George, Jane and Isaac were born in Virginia, and William, Sarah, John, Jonah, Samuel, Catherine and Abraham were born in Ohio. The family prospered as it increased in size, and as the sons and daughters grew to manhood and womanhood and married, Abraham gave to each 80 acres of land in various parts of the state. He was a licensed preacher in the Baptist church. His wife Martha was an invalid for many years before her death. Abraham died suddenly while sitting in his chair. The two, Abraham (1780) and Martha, are buried in the Hopewell Baptist church cemetery in Perry county, Ohio

Of the children of Abraham and Martha **BENNETT**, we do not have a very complete account. As they grew up and married a number of them had the same pioneer spirit as their forebears and journeyed on into the West, the families becoming separated so that it is difficult to get a trace of them.

The first son, George, "was always known as a man who loved to travel." Jane, born February 6, 1803, in Virginia, married Thomas Strawn January 23, 1822, and died August 4, 1844. Her husband was born March 26, 1798. He died January 23, 1875. They were the parents of fourteen children. I am unable to get a line on six as some died in infancy and others have been lost to family history.

The children of Thomas and Jane Strawn were: Hiram, born November 3, 1823; Sarah, born Dec 24, 1824, and married John **DAVIS**; Martha, born August 19, 1826, married a **WILSON** and later Jonathan **NIXON** and died June 5, 1888; Rebecca, born March 9, 1834, married Ezera **HARPER** and died November 5, 1864; Thomas Jr. born June 10 1835 and was married to Mary **HOLLIDAY**; and Jane, born February 21, 1837, and married William C. **HOLLIDAY** May 29, 1864.

Served in Army

William C. and Jane **HOLLIDAY** were the parents of two children, daughter and son.

The daughter, Carrie, married A.C. **HUDDLE** and they live at Fredericktown, OH. William C. **HOLLIDAY** served in the Union Army during the Civil War and was married to Jane **STRAWN** at New Lexington, OH., while at home on a furlough, at the expiration of which he returned to the war and was gone nineteen months, being one of the last soldiers from Fairfield county to return home. He and his wife lived

a happy and prosperous life together for more than fifty-one years. He died September 4, 1915, and his wife died January 4, 1918.

The seventh child of Thomas and Jane **BENNETT** was Catherine, born June 1, 1838. She married James **SKINNER**.

Rachel **STRAWN** was born March 2, 1840. She died February 27, 1844.

The next child of Abraham **BENNETT** (1780) was Isaac, born November 26, 1805, died November 21, 1884. He was married three times. His first wife was Lydia **SKINNER**. Their children were Martha, who died soon after his marriage, and Jane, who married Absalom **BROWN**. To this union were born Carrie and Maurice. Carrie **BROWN** married Arthur **WILSON** and six children were born to them, as follows:

C. Malcolm, Homer A., Gertrude, Charles, James, and Mabel. C. Malcolm **WILSON** was married to Nellie **RANDOLPH** and they have four children, Randolph, Esther, Ernest, and Lester. They live at New Lexington, OH.

Maurice **BROWN** was married to Ada **PLUMMER**. They had one child, Gladys, now deceased.

Isaac **BENNETT**'s second wife was Hope Sayre. To this union three sons were born, Ephraim, Abraham and William.

Ephraim was married to Lydia **LONSGTRETHER** and they were blessed with two children, Elmer and Etta. Elmer was married to Ella **PLETCHER**, and they had two children, Ruth and Dale. Ruth married John **CASE** in 1932, and Dale was married in 1931 to Pauline **FOUNTAIN**. The mother of Elmer and Etta lives in Columbus, OH.

The next son of Isaac **BENNETT** was Abraham, born December 24, 1841, and died May 14, 1930. He was married June 7, 1866, to Adeline **TOMLINSON**, and one daughter was born to them, Jessie, who lives with her mother, 2116 Indiana Avenue, Columbus, OH.

Fine Character

It was never my privilege to know Abraham **BENNETT** personally, but I know his wife and have heard from others a great deal about his fine qualities, high ideals and good citizenship. On May 29, 1930, the "Weekly Herald," McConnellsville, OH. where Abraham spent the greater part of his life, had this to say of his life and character:

"Abraham, son of Isaac and Hope Sayre **BENNETT**, was born December 24, 1841, near Somerset, Perry County, OH. The following spring the family moved to eastern Perry County two miles south of Deavertown, where he continued to reside. He was united in marriage with Miss Adeline **TOMLINSON**, June 7, 1866. One daughter, Jessie, was born to this union. In 1870, he accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the Holcomb Methodist Episcopal church, where the family remained members until the church was closed. While still on the farm, they were transferred to the Portersville Society and later moved to Deavertown. Six years ago, next September, they moved to Columbus, where Mr. **BENNETT** passed to the life beyond May 14, 1930.

"Mr. **BENNETT** was loved and respected by all who knew him, for his upright Christian living. His word was as good as his note. The wife and daughter remain but they rejoice in the prospect of a great reunion in the sweet by and by. Though absent from our sight, our loved ones are with us, day by day, to comfort, bless and help to lead us on the upward way. Then when life's labors here are passed and we have laid our burdens down, we'll hear he Savior say "well done, thou faithful one, receive thy crown." Abraham was the last of a family of nine children and was in his 89th year. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'"

The next son of Isaac and Hope Sayre **BENNETT** was William, whose first wife was Sarah Elizabeth **MARTIN**. They had one daughter, Laurretta, who married Fred C. **PETERS**, and they in turn had a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, who teaches at Newton, KS.

William **BENNETT** was born March 20, 1847, and was married October 20, 1891 to Emma Dennis second wife. They had one child Elizabeth Hope **BENNETT**, now deceased. William **BENNETT** died August 3, 1921 Deavertown, OH. Laurretta **BENNETT PETERS** was born June 18, 1889, and married August 22, 1905. The daughter, Sarah was born Oct 17, 1906. The family resides at Salina, KS.

Never Returned

Four sons of Abraham (1780), William, George, Jonah, and Samuel, went to different parts of the West as far as Colorado. Sarah married Samuel **HULL**, of Perry County, Ohio. Hey left no children Catharine married a **THOMPSON** and they went on west. Abraham went to the Civil War and was never heard from by his family. One son,

John, was born June 13, 1811. He was married in October, 1833, to Miss Rebecca **DONALDSON**, of New Lexington, and died April 26, 1884, aged 76 years. His wife died May 8, 1889, aged 75 years.

Mrs. Addie **BENNETT**, of Columbus, OH, wrote a very excellent story of John **BENNETT** and family more than thirty years ago, which I now quote:

"On October 7, 1899, the descendants of John and Rebecca **BENNETT** met in a family reunion at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. David **ULLRY** about three miles northeast of Marengo county Ohio. John grew up at the home in Perry County and was married to Rebecca **DONALDSON**. One year after this their daughter, Malinda was born, and March 1835 they moved to what was Delaware county, on the 80 acres given him by his father, all in woods; there he built his little log cabin with its clapboard roof and weight poles to keep the boards from blowing away; with its split puncheon floors and stick and mortar chimney. What a contrast to the home of today!

"In this crude home they lived and were happy; he clearing the land and sowing his wheat broadcast among the stumps, cutting it with a sickle, tramping it with horses then hauling it to the mill. When any calico was wanted for the family, they got one yard for a bushel of wheat, and money was scarce.

"While the father was thus employed the mother was busy spinning and weaving, and making little garments, for one by one they came to cheer and gladden their hearts and brighten their home. Isaac, Martha, and Samuel were born in the home above described.

After the lapse of ten years they bought forty acres more of land themselves a very comfortable frame house. In this home their last two children were born, Mary and Lafayette. There were six children in the family, and all but one, Mary **MASON** are living yet, (1899); she having died some years ago, happy in a Savior's love. The Characteristics of this entire family are temperance, sobriety and kindness and much given to hospitality.

The above was written in 1899. At that time all of John's children were living save one. Now, I believe all are dead, the last one, Mrs. Martha **SHUMAKER**, having died a few months ago in her ninetieth year.

West Virginia Line

Abraham **BENNETT** (1745) who came to West Virginia in 1796 and but two sons to perpetuate the name. They were Abraham (1780) who became the head of the Ohio branch and William R. (1796) who remained in West Virginia and became the head of the family in this state.

William R. being born into the family at a later date than Abraham (1780) had, probably, a better education than did his older brother. He evidently had a good education for his times, because he attended a medical college in Philadelphia, and was a practicing physician. He also learned surveying like George **WASHINGTON**, and while in school in Philadelphia made connection with a company holding a large area of land in this part of the state, to survey and sells this land for it. He accordingly acted as its agent, selling and M the survey, collecting payments and once each year he threw his saddlebags on his old dun horse and rode into Philadelphia to make settlement with the company, get deeds for land sold and bring back the purchasers. While there he did a little "brushing up" in the medical school. He took pay for most of his work in land and at one time owned more than 8000 acres of land in Harrison County.

On those trips through Pennsylvania, he brought back new ideas about farming. He brought back on one trip first sorghum or cane seed for making molasses. Fifty years ago every farmer grew his "patch" of cane to make molasses and "taffy." The first year William grew this "cane" he cut the stalks into small pieces, boiled it down, thus making a sweet syrup but of poor flavor. The next year he made a "contraption" like a clothes-wringer, catching the "juice" in a tub. This made a much better product, and all the neighbors joined to buy a mill for the next year.

William was "good roads" advocate and builder. He helped to survey and build the Shinnston-Middlebourne Pike, extending fifty miles from Shinnston to Middlebourne past his farm at Dola. At that time it was one of the best roads in this section of the country.

Lighted Her Pipe

William R. was married to Mary Ann **SWIGER**. Her family was Pennsylvania Dutch, who came to this section about the time Abraham

BENNETT (1745) did. She was a workman of strong character and sterling qualities, and lived for more than eighty-seven years. The last few years of her life she spent with her two sons, Lemeon and Oliver. It was my privilege as a small boy to light her pipe many times for her, and as a reward she gave me the first \$5 I ever received.

William R. **BENNETT** was born January 14, 1796, and died October 27, 1861. Mary Ann Swiger was born February 11, 1796, and died March 10, 1883. they were married November 20, 1817, and became the parents of twelve children: Orion A., Lemeon E., Selina V., Aminda E., Trineacy M., Oliver R., Ruhama V., Alva H., Dexter G., Selecta M., Ereptus E., and Quintilla A.

Orion A. **BENNETT** was born December 4, 1818. He was married May 26, 1840, to Martha **KELLER**. He died January 2, 1846. To this union four children were born, William O., Ai P., Theodore C. and Mary Ann.

William O. **BENNETT** (1841) was married to Margaret **MARTIN**. They were the parents of four children, Orion, Margaret and Anne, all deceased, and Harlan, living now in California. William O. served as a Union soldier throughout the Civil war.

Ai Perlemo **BENNETT**, born in 1843 and dying in 1917, was married to Almeda Snodgrass **HIBBS**. Three children were born to them James C. Goldie F. and Daniel C.

James C. (1874-1932) was married to Dessie **INGRAM** in 1904, to whom were born Lida **BENNETT** in 1911.

Goldie F. (1876) married William J. **KEMPER** 1900, to whom were born Frankie, Bonnie and Teddy. Frankie **KEMPER** (1901) was married in 1921 to Clyde **STEELE**, and to them were born Junior (1922), Billie (1923) and Martha (1924). Bonnie **KEMPER** (1904) married Ardeth Robertson in 1921, and to them was born Peggy Jo in 1927. Teddy **KEMPER** (1905) was married in 1925 to And to them was born Jack in 1925.

David C. **BENNETT** (1879) was married in 1903 to Lucy **ALLEN**, and they became the parents of Joseph (1906), Richard (1908) and Thomas (1915). Joseph was married to Mildred **ALLEN** in 1929, to whom was born Davey Lee in 1930. Richard was married to Mary Frances **KERR** in 1931. David C. **BENNETT** was sheriff of **WETZEL** county, West Virginia four years and lives at New Martinsville, W. Va.

Theodore Clay **BENNETT** (1844-1929) was married to Mary C. **WILLIAMS** in 1874, and eight children were born to them, Howard E.,

now deceased, Henry, Susan C., Martha, Mary, Thomas C., Vista and Robert, deceased.

Henry G. (1877) was married to Bessie L. **SWIGER** in 1902. they are the parents of three children, Mrs. Katherine **BENNETT** Pigott, deceased; and Howard and James, Henry lives in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Susan Claudine married Herbert C. **BEVERAGE** June 18, 1904. They have one boy, Harry C., born in 1910, and also live in Clarksburg.

Martha married Dr. Audie O. **KELLY**, of Wallace, W. Va. One child died in infancy.

Mary married Homes c. **PARRISH**, Spencer, W. Va. Six children were born to them. H. Clay, William, Edward, Margaret, Betty and Thomas. Margaret is deceased.

Vista married Andrew **JACK**, of Dunkard, PA. Three children were born to them, only one of whom, Roy is living.

Thomas Custer was married to Ruth **WILSON**, of Texas. They live at Carbon, TX.

Theodore Clay **BENNETT** (1844) served in Company, L, Third regiment, West Virginia cavalry, in the Civil war, taught school, saved \$100, entered the "store business"

On that capital and made a success of it.

Mary Ann **BENNETT** (1842), daughter of Orion, married Joseph H. **McINTIRE** in 1860, and to this union eight children were born, L.O. McIntire, Ellsworth, Elizabeth, Arthela, Minnie, Ai, Emma E., and Minor (single). L.O. was married to Jane **MARTIN**, and four children were born Virgil D., Edgar Forest, Eugene M. and Guenadine, Ellsworth was married to Ella **YOST**, and to their union five children were born, Walter, Elwood, Lester, Wilbur and Anna Mae. Elizabeth married James Exline and five children were born to them, Thomas E., Silas R., Golden, Claud and Rosie. Arthela married George **FLEMING** and they were the parents of Wanada Geneva and Riley.

Minnie married Elza **SHAFFER**, and the result of this marriage consisted of two children, Josephine Ann and Irene.

Ai E. was married to Sarah **STRAIGHT** and three children resulted, Kenneth M., Mary and Ethel.

Emma McIntyre married John W. **FLEMING** Their only daughter is June Wade **FLEMING**.

Twice Married

Lemeon E., second son of William R. **BENNETT**, was born March 27, 1820, and died July 27, 1880. He was twice married, first to Mary **RUSK**, August 20, 1840, and next to Mary **SANDY**, February 21, 1856. The first set of children numbered six, namely, Theron D., Arilda P., Solon T., Artimisia L., Selina V. and Truman E. Four children comprised the second set, Eliza M., Don C., an infant son, deceased and Lemeon E.

Theron D. (1841) was married to Eliza **SANDY** August 20, 1865. Two children were born, Ida in 1876 and May in 1878. Both are deceased. In August, 1883, he was married to Laura **STOUT**. They became the parents of four children, Zona, Nola, Elizabeth and an infant boy, deceased. Zona, born in 1886, married Livy **SHUMAN**, and there were eight children born to them, Garnet, Marion, Clyde, Philip, Gilbert, Livy, Ray and Martha. The last named died when about a year old.

Nola **BENNETT**, born in 1888 married Russell **COFFMAN**, November 24, 1909. Three children were born to them, Clarice, Catherine (deceased) and Russel, Jr. Clarill **COFFMAN** married Cecil **BRITTON**, April 26, 1930. They have one child, Norma Jean.

Elizabeth **BENNETT**, 1890, married George **BATES**, and one child, Bernadine, was born to this union. She married Leonard **SHREVES** in 1928. Elizabeth later married Ira **KING** in 1915. They were the parents of three children, Manerl, **BENNETT** and Mary Ann.

The second child of Lemeon E. **BENNETT** (1820) was Arilda. She married Albert Talkington, and to them were born Martha and Serilda.

Held in Libby Prison

The next child of Lemeon E. **BENNETT** was Solon T., born in 1847 and died in 1865. He enlisted in the Union army and was captured and imprisoned in Libby prison until April, 1865, when he was released and came home to die from effects of imprisonment in July, 1865.

The next child was Artimisia L., who married Fred **ROBINSON**, who had also served in the Union Army, and six children were born to this union, Charles, Alice, Ellen Dora, Cora and Wesley.

Selina V., was next in Lemeon's family. She was born in 1851. she married C. L. **HALL** in 1868, and was the mother of nine children,

Ellis, Clete (deceased), Lemuel, May, Ada, Carl, Charles, Ila and Herbert. Ellis was married to Malinda **HELDRETH** and five children were born to them, Golden (deceased), Nina, Eulia, Grace and Atta. Lemuel was married to Cora **SATTERFIELD**. They had six children. Fairy, Fannie, Fay, Frank, Florence, and Francis. May **HALL** married Lawrence **GORDON**. Four children were born, Wanda, Roy, Robert and Martha, deceased.

Ada **HALL** married Howard **MOORE** and they have four children, Waneta (deceased), Twila, Eugene and Lina V.

Carl **HALL**, deceased, left one son, Harold.

Charles **HALL** was married to Miss **SHACKLEFORD**. They are the parents of seven children, Hazel, Maxine deceased: Glenn, Dortha, Catherine, Brooks and Deloris.

Iva **HALL** married L. **VANGILDER**. They have two children, Lucile and Alta, and live in Baltimore, MD.

Herbert **HALL** is married and has two children, Helen and Alma.

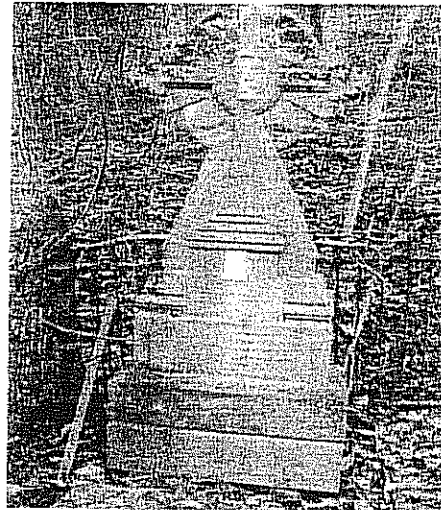
The next son of Lemeon E., (1820) was Truman E., born December 17, 1853, and was married December 30, 1875, to Amelia Hall. To this union four children were born, Bruce, Cletus, Sadie and Charles. Bruce, born in 1876, was married to Mary Allen. They have a daughter Wilma, born in 1903, who married Dennis **BATES**, and Paul Bennett **BATES**, a son, is the result of the latter marriage. Bruce is one of the deputy assessors of Harrison County. Cletus was married to Alma **ALLEN**. They have three children, Ralph, Alice, and Harry. Ralph was married to Ona Jean **McCLAIN** and they have one child, Jack **CARLIN**. Alice married Melvin **TUBBS** of Cushing, OK. Harry is stationed with the United States Marines in Nicaragua. Sadie married Clyde F. **CRANE**. Two children were born to them, Ruth, in 1910 and dying 1912, and Forest, born in 1912. Forest was married to Madge Frances Harrison.

Charles **BENNETT** was married to Pearl **GRIFFEN**. They have one son, Charles, Jr.

A Search Angel Story!

by Betty Ann Nicholson

**CORDELIA
WETZEL
Wife of
ISAAC SHEA
By
Betty Ann
NICHOLSON**

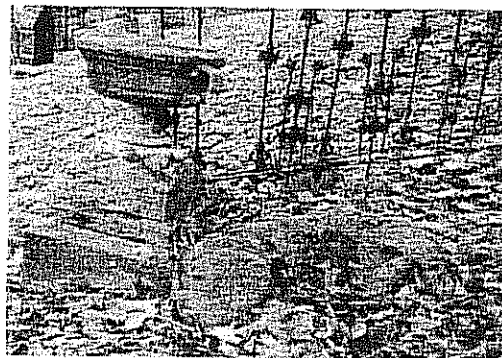


VICTORIA

On a sunny Sunday
January, local
Barbara **SIMMONS**

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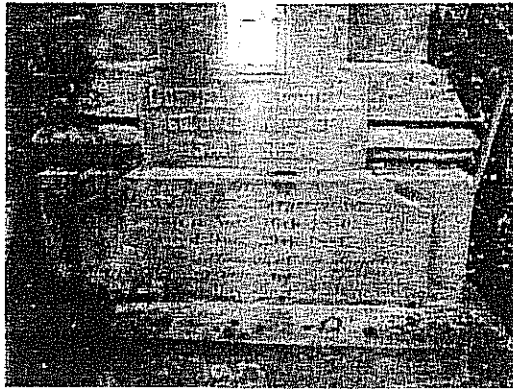
year old grandson were walking through the **ARNOLD** or "Old Hill" Cemetery located on a hill at the end of Main Street overlooking the town of Weston. They came across an elaborate marker and site erected in the memory of Cordelia Victoria **WETZEL SHEA**. The site



had a profound impact on the two and feeling that there must be a tremendous love story involving these two people, Barbara e-mailed the Library and asked if we could tell her anything about these individuals.

The monument, located at the highest point of the cemetery, is an elaborately carved stone and contains the remnants of a small white marble square (approximately 3"x3") which may at one time have contained a likeness of the deceased. The monument is enclosed with an elaborate and probably expensive wrought iron fence and the enclosure contains a carved stone urn. At the foot of her grave is a carved stone lamb, lying posed as if in sleep. It is difficult to tell if any other graves are located in the enclosure.

Perhaps the part which leads one to wonder about their story is the inscription carved on the monument. It reads:



Cordelia Victoria
Beloved wife of
Isaac **SHEA**
Daughter of J.T. and Catherine
WETZEL.
Born Nov 16, 1850
Died Dec 29, 1881
Through all her placid life
This queen of marriage a
most perfect wife
May she rest in peace

Quite a tribute to one who died so young!

Our Library volunteers, Robin **LIGHT** and Irma **CURTIS** began searching for clues and this is what we now know about Cordelia and Isaac. In 1860, the two families were living near each other in Lewis County. The **WETZEL** family was comprised of Joshua T. (**WHETSEL**) 34, wife Catharine, 27; children: Cordelia V, 9; Henderson, 7; Eveline, 7; Columbus, 4 and Richard, 2. The **SHEA** family included James **SHEA**, 46; wife Sarah, 45; Children: John, 18; Isaac, 15; Sarah M, 13; James, 11; Bartholomew, 9; and Dora, 1. The 1870 Lewis County Census shows the **WETZEL** family with Cordelia, now 19 and the addition of several more children. The **SHEA** family is still living in Lewis County but the only children still in the home are Bartholomew and Dora.

An obituary for John **BROWN**, a former Lewis County resident, leads us to believe that Isaac **SHEA** went west. The obituary reads: "Weston 37 years ago: Mr. John **SHEA** (Isaac's brother ?) left with us a few days ago, the arrow with which John **BROWN**, formerly of this county, was killed by an Indian in March 1870. Mr. **BROWN** was out hunting with Isaac **SHEA** near Buford, Wyoming, when they were surprised by Indians, and Mr. **BROWN** received his death wound. The arrow is now (1871) at this office and can be seen by those having a curiosity to look at it. It was brought home by Mr. **SHEA**, who has again returned to the far west". (Newspaper of 1871) (Reprinted-Dem. Fri. 22 March-1907)

Isaac and Cordelia were married in Lewis County in July, 1871. The Lewis County Register of Marriages indicates Isaac's place

of residence at that time was Wyoming County, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by P. F. **BURKE**. We find our next record of Isaac and Cordelia in the 1880 United States Federal Census which show them living in Crow Creek District, Laramie, Wyoming. They are residing in a boarding house with several other residents and Isaac is listed as an engineer. This leads one to believe that Isaac must have gone west to work for the railroad and perhaps after returning to WV to marry Cordelia, they travelled around the west while he followed the railroad.

Joy **STALNAKER** remembered that we had a scrapbook which had been donated by the **SHEA** family that contained many articles regarding citizens of Weston in the early 1900's. This scrapbook contained an article about Isaac **SHEA**'s death which appeared in the Wyoming Tribune. It reads as follows:

"Isaac **SHEA**, aged 69, one of the earliest and best known settlers of Wyoming, who came here in 1868, died at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, last night, according to telegrams received here today. For thirty-three years he resided in this state, before moving to Salt Lake, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Mr. **SHEA** was born in 1845 at Weston, West Virginia. He is survived by a widow and one son, two sisters, Mrs. Dora **MATHSON**, 1833 Warren avenue, this city (Cheyenne), and Mrs. Margaret **TIMMS** of Weston, W.Va. and one brother, Bert **SHEA**, also of Weston, W.Va. Mrs. Dora **MATHSON** was at his bedside at the time of his death, having gone there over a month ago.

The remains will be shipped to Weston, West Virginia and will be accompanied by his wife and son and Mrs. Dora **MATHSON** and Bertha **MATHSON**, of this city."

An additional article was in the local paper, although no date of the paper is available:

"The remains of Isaac R. **SHEA** arrived here on Saturday, June 20, (1914) and were accompanied by his son, Irl V. **SHEA**, and sister, Mrs. Dora **MATHSON**, and daughter, Miss Marie. Mr. **SHEA** was the son of the late James **SHEA**, of this county, and was well and favorably known by the older people of this community. He was an excellent man, although quite young when he left this State to seek the wilds of the west. He was very ambitious and determined to win, and therefore, did win as he left a vast estate both real and personal in Wyoming and Utah. The funeral services were held from St. Patrick's church on Monday, June 22, at 10 o'clock a.m. Solemn High Mass of

requiem was celebrated by the rector, Father John J. **SWINT**, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Father **KENNEDY**, of West Union."

Another small clipping states: "The remains of Isaac **SHEA**, who died at Salt Lake City on Sunday, June 14th, (1914) arrived here Saturday and were interred at Machpelah Cemetery on Monday, following services at the Catholic Church conducted by Rev. John **SWINT**". We can find no record of any burial in the Macpelah Cemetery and the question is also raised as to why he would not have been buried by Cordelia.

Another check of Ancestry.com found Isaac in both the 1900 and 1910 Federal Census living in Farmer District, Salt Lake City, Utah. A perusal of the original census records led to the uncovering of additional information. Isaac remarried in 1887, a lady named Elizabeth, (perhaps **FITZGERALD**, as mother-in-law, Sarah **FITZGERALD** also resided with the family). They had a son, Irl, who was born in July 1889. Isaac continued to work as an engineer for the railroad, and Elizabeth was a clerk in a dry goods store.

This venture has answered some questions concerning this family but it has also raised many more. If anyone is researching the **WETZEL** or **SHEA** families and can add any information to this story, we would certainly like to hear from you. You may e-mail the Library at hcpd@hackerscreek.com or send information to HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26372.

Historic Cemetery Needs Fence

One of the oldest cemeteries in the county is in the field on the Paul Alkire farm on the Hacker's Creek Road. Here lies the remains of John Hacker, Lewis County's first Caucasian settler, as well as his wife Margaret Sleeth and more than 150 other community pioneers.

Surnames of the pioneer couples and their descendants include: **MORGAN, WAGGONER, COZAD, HORNER, LAWSON, POST, NAIR, BRAKE, MORRISON, HACKER, HAWKINS, SMITH, BATTEN, GORDON, BONNETT HERSMAN, BENNETT, STARCHER, BORAM, HINZMAN, SNODGRASS, GASTON, PROBST, DAVISON, McWHORTER, FRETWELL, BORAM, MORRIS** and **LAW**.

The cemetery is visible from the road and is accessed by a grassy path maintained by the **ALKIREs** for use by family members of those buried there.

Maintenance of this cemetery during its 200-plus years of existence has been

spotty at best. Although it is fenced, the fence has deteriorated over the decades leaving gaps where critters of all kinds can wander in among the gravestones. Groundhogs, not deterred by any barrier, have dug burrows throughout the burying ground.

In 1982, a crew of members and their families, ranging in age from 8 to 80, hacked and sawed their way through briars twice as tall as the tallest man to reveal the graves.

Since then, the cemetery has been mowed thrice-yearly, thanks to sporadic donations on its behalf made to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants by descendants of those buried there. Sadly, most of those who made the donations have passed on leaving the mowing fund struggling. In the mid-1980s, Maurice **ALLMAN** and his family planted walnut trees at each fence post with the intent that these trees would grow to maturity and serve as the fence line. About 50% of those trees grew to maturity and now stand guard over the old graveyard.

The time has come when the cemetery must have a new fence. While a locust post and barbed wire fence would work, a chain link fence would be better and last many, many, many more years longer. However, the kind of fence erected is going to depend on the number of dollars raised by a self-appointed committee working under the auspices of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendant's, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, donations to which are tax deductible.

Donations may be mailed to Morrison Cemetery Fund, c/o HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Rd., Horner, WV 26372.

IN MEMORIAM

BONNIE B. WARE

(NEWELL) Services for Bonnie **BOSTICK WARE**, 83, of Newell were held Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Smyrna Baptist Church with the Rev. Brian **KEITH** officiating. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery.

Mrs. **WARE** died Thursday, Jan. 22, at Wedowee Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Raymond **WARE** of Newell; one daughter, Susan Marie **RANEW** of Ocala, Fla.; three sons, Edward Martin **WARE** of Ocala, William Richard **WARE** of Newell and Robert Lee **WARE** of New Smyrna, Fla.; one adopted son, Billy **MACMILLAN** of Lompoc, Calif.; one sister, **FRANCIS** Perkins of Frankfort, Ky.; one step-sister, Betty **CONSOLAZIO** Holly Hill, Fla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. **WARE** was born Oct. 4, 1925, the daughter of Frederick Donald and Stella **HITT BOSTICK**. She was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church, bookkeeper for Orman Beach General Hospital, and a member of the Hackers Creek Pioneers Descendants. Mrs. **WARE** is preceded in death by her parents.

PAUPERS

UNFORTUNATE POOR PEOPLE.

HOW PAUPERS ARE SOLD AND STARVED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

PITTSBURG, Penn., March 29.—The inhuman traffic in human beings which is practiced in Hancock County, West Va., within 50 miles of this city, is attracting marked attention in that State and here. In March of each year the unfortunate paupers of Hancock County are collected in front of the Court-house, in New-Cumberland, and an auctioneer mounts the block and knocks them off, one at a time, to the lowest, instead of, as used to be the practice with slaves, the highest bidder, or in other words, to the man to keep a pauper a year for the lowest amount of purchase money. Now the time-honored practice is being agitated with a view to its abolition. Horrible tales of the suffering and cruel treatment are told. The bidding becomes quite lively at times, often a father, brother, or sister of the pauper contending with a professional shark—one who bids for the purpose of starving the poor creatures in order to make a profit. When one of these paupers does happen to strike a decent home he is made wretched by the continual fear that next year he will fall into the hands of some human hyena, for a sale lasts only 12 months, and at the end of that time he is again bid off. Most of the professional bidders are people who are either too lazy or too mean to make a decent living for themselves in a decent manner, and take a number of these poor people. The price paid ranges from \$80 to \$100 per year, and by starving them and forcing them to perform labor for which they are physically incapacitated, the bidder makes money enough to keep himself in idleness.

Last year three old people were sold to sharks, and when it was demonstrated that the bargain was a bad one, the unfortunate people were most starved and compelled to live in a filthy outhouse until finally rescued, vermin-covered, by some humanitarians, only to be sold over again. This year one old lady was put up at auction and bid in by a shark. When she heard who had purchased her, she cried piteously, but there was no remedy, and she was driven off to the home of her hard master. She died of a broken heart a few days afterward. Many horrible cases of inhuman treatment could be cited in connection with the traffic in pauper flesh. A strenuous effort will be made to induce the West Virginia authorities to remedy this evil. Three years ago the people of the county voted to buy land and establish a county infirmary, but the Poor Board paid no attention to the matter, and the traffic in human flesh and blood still goes on.

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PROS and CONS of Using Web Sites such as Ancestry

by

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There are such wonderful computer web sites today that are a great help to all researchers - beginners, intermediates and advanced. Although, I don't know many that REALLY consider themselves 'advanced'. It is one of those things that yes, I have been researching my family since 1974 but I surely do not know everything - no way!

When I started my hobby or obsession, (whichever it can be called) in 1974 - we wrote letters (in duplicate) mailed them and breathlessly waited for an answer. In those day, people did write back generally in a short time. So we wore out a path to the mailbox and spent a fortune on postage.

Today, you can stay in your 'jammies' and just sit at your computer to do a lot of research. BUT, is it all really true and does it have a preponderance of evidence to back up your theory?

I have been a subscriber of *Ancestry.com* almost from its beginning, as well as *FamilySearch.org*. They both are truly wonderful helps and you can find a lot of clues and even some perfect data that matches what you have found in your own research.

However, is it a primary source? Which means first person or one recorded at the time an event occurred. Yes, sometimes it is. So many times it is not. So I suggest you take all the information that you have gathered online and treat it as **CLUES**.

Then you have to go back and prove it.

OR is it secondary evidence? Which is many years after the fact and many sources other than from the actual person.

Did you ever think to take special care with transcribed or printed records? Human error is always possible when a record is copied. So always try to use the original record or microform of an original record so that you don't miss items that are omitted or recorded incorrectly in transcribed records.

Ancestry has digitized many records. BUT many of the material listed on *Ancestry* are records from the general public and do not show any sources or references at all. What do you do? Do you accept them? Do you question them? I suggest that you take this as a clue and then go to work to prove whether it is fact or fiction.

I remember about 25 years ago, I was given a name of Jacob **EICHELBURGER** in Lancaster Co., PA in 1717. **This was OUR ANCESTOR!**

Everyone I was in contact with said yes, Jacob was our guy! So because I had taken every class that was offered to us at that time, I knew I had to PROVE it. After 1½ years, I proved that Jacob was NOT our ancestor. His brother, **MARTIN EICHELBURGER**, same area, same time period was our guy! Know what made it so hard? Germans name each of the children the same names as their brothers, cousins, etc. and at one time I had 52 family group sheets on the floor trying to sort out who belonged in what family. Yes, it took time, but I knew that I had to prove the man with a preponderance of evidence. I was originally taught that all of our material had to stand up in a court of law.

Was that a waste of time? Absolutely not. I think I learned more in that 1½ years than at any other time of my research.

For a period of time, I did some work for an attorney trying to find some heirs. That is when you darn well better be right in every way. You don't want the wrong person getting something when they are the wrong person. More good training.

So I caution you once again. When you use *Ancestry*, or the *IGI* (*International Genealogical Index*). <http://pilot.familysearch.org> has hundreds of new images and indexes going online every week. That is a free site.

Now one I really will accept is *Footnote.com*. They have digitized records that you can get. There is a subscription for that one that is about \$49.95 as I recall. They are uploading millions of records a year.

Be careful of some Wikipedia sites. Those can be edited by anyone so any material can be changed without sources. So whoever wishes can change the information.

You will find that the subscription (paid) database sites will have more complete records than the free sites. So, I guess it comes down to just taking your chances. Don't forget one thing - always GOOGLE your surname/ancestor! I have found so much information to follow up on, just by doing that.

I will still be using *Ancestry.com* as **LONG** as I am finding information that can further my RESEARCH. It is only going to get bigger and better. Just be careful and go find your documents.

PETERSON CEMETERY UNDER HCPD PROTECTION



HCPD's executive director receives the deed for unsold lots, the road and maintenance building from Lowell PETERSON. Lowell is the son of Dorothy PETERSON and the late Herbert PETERSON.

The heirs of James B. PETERSON recently transferred all the unsold lots, the roadway and the maintenance building at the PETERSON Cemetery on Old US 33 to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD), a local non-profit historical and genealogical society.

"We will be responsible for selling lots from now on," said Betty Ann Nicholson, the organization's executive director. "Proceeds from the sale of lots will be forwarded to the cemetery's trust fund. As I understand it, the trust fund was established in 1980 to help with the maintenance of the cemetery."

J. Lowell PETERSON, whose parents, Dorothy PETERSON and the late Herbert PETERSON, were among the heirs, concurred with Nicholson.

"We want people to understand that the fund is not a perpetual care fund, but rather income from the fund will pay for maintenance as long as there is

money in it.

"An Ad Hoc Committee established the trust fund with the understanding that only the interest from investments may be used for cemetery upkeep.

"So far, the fund has generated enough revenue for our annual maintenance costs. Of course, like everyone else in these troubled times, we must carefully manage our money with the hope that we can continue with maintenance as we have the last 28 years."

The **PETERSON** Cemetery sits along U. S. 33 E at it's junction with I-79. There are those who would confuse this burial ground on the rolling hill in the northeast corner of the junction with its flat-land neighbor, the Masonic Cemetery. The two are separate entities with the **PETERSON** Cemetery being the older of the two.

In the early part of the 1800s, John **JACKSON** Jr. (1760-1821) owned much of the country side extending on both sides of what is now U.S. 33 from Gaston westward to some point near what is now Jordan's Auto. After his death, the land was divided among his sons, Samuel, Jacob Jay and George Riley, with the latter two owning the land west of the Berlin Road

Jacob Jay (1799-1859), his wife Margaret nee **McNULTY** and their family built and lived in the house that is now the home of Dr. James and Cindy **SHAVER**. George R. (1812-1859), his wife Cecilia nee **McNULTY**, and their family lived in a home that stood where is now the I-79/U.S. 33 intersection, a home occupied by James B. **PETERSON** until his death in 1954.

Modern day researchers are unsure of the dividing lines between the two families property; however, when Margaret McNulty **JACKSON** died in 1848 she was buried in a plot later called the **JACKSON** Graveyard.

In August 1856, Elizabeth A. **JACKSON**, the 18-year-old daughter of George R. and Cecilia died of scarlet fever and was buried near her aunt.

Four months later, in January 1859, just one week apart, Jacob Jay and George R. also died. No court record exists to give the cause of their passing with their respective tombstones in the family plot bearing witness to their death dates.

For the next 56 years, what was by then known as the **JACKSON** Graveyard was the burial site for the brothers' descendants, their families and their neighbors with ownership of the graveyard ultimately passing to George R. **JACKSON**'s daughter Marietta and her husband David T. **PETERSON**.

In 1906, the **PETERSON**s transferred the **JACKSON** Cemetery

and some land situate to its west to the Stone Coal M.E. Church, also known for a period of time as "the **JACKSON** Church," and now called the Stone Coal United Methodist Church.

At a later date unknown, D. and M. **PETERSON**'s son, James P. **PETERSON**, by then the owner of the land surrounding the **JACKSON** Cemetery, began selling lots for burial in another section he set aside.

Upon his death in 1954, the unsold lots as well as the roadway became the property of his heirs: Herbert and his wife, Dorothy; Cecil and his wife, Avis; Reta **PETERSON LINGER** and her husband, A.J.; Ancil and his wife, Nellie May; and Erlo and his wife, Lucy Jo

In early 1980 H. **PETERSON** and others, including Jay **HUNT**, joined together in a loosely formed organization referred to simply as "the Ad Hoc Committee for financial support of 'the Cemetery' "for the purpose of establishing a maintenance fund for the cemetery.

In October 1980, Robert L. **SWISHER**, J. Wilbur **SWISHER** and Fred L. Mulneix as trustees of the Stone Coal United Methodist Church, transferred any rights the church had to the property in the "**PETERSON** Cemetery", "**JACKSON** Graveyard" and "**JACKSON** Cemetery", all three being enclosed in a single and common boundary of land now known as "**PETERSON** Cemetery" to the Ad Hoc Committee for care and maintenance. At the same time, the heirs continued to sell lots that they owned.

The Ad Hoc Committee solicited donations from living relatives of those persons buried there for the maintenance fund. These donations established the **PETERSON** Cemetery Trust for the purpose of paying for the maintenance of the cemetery as **LONG** as there are funds.

The Trust was first managed by The Adrian Bank in conjunction with the Ad Hoc Committee. With wise investments and an infusion of funds from the **PETERSON** heirs by the sale of lots, the trust gradually grew and the cemetery maintained under the oversight of a separate Maintenance Committee.

As the years passed, **PETERSON** heirs departed this life as did members of the Ad Hoc Committee; and, The Adrian Bank was purchased by and is known as First Community Bank.

By 2007, the remaining heirs were Dorothy **PETERSON** and Erlo and Lucy Jo **PETERSON**. The Ad Hoc Committee members were, and continue to be: Jim **PETERSON**, J. Lowell **PETERSON**, Mida **PETERSON**, Barbara **PICHOT**, Joy **LUSBAUGH**, Ruth **SNYDER**, Irma **CURTIS**, and Joy **STALNAKER**.

The heirs were cognizant that their lifespan was nearing its end and that the ownership of the unsold lots, etc., would be in limbo. So, in

August 2008, the **PETERSON** heirs signed an agreement with the HCPD. Ownership of all unsold lots, the roadway and a maintenance building on the property was transferred to the HCPD with the understanding that the organization could retain a portion of the sale of each lot for the organization and the remainder would go to the Trust at First Community Bank to be used for maintenance.

The agreement was a win-win situation for the heirs, the cemetery and for the HCPD. The heirs would no longer have to worry about the lots; and, as it turned out, in December the number of heirs shrunk to two when Erlo **PETERSON** passed away. HCPD's status as a non-profit would permit donations to the cemetery's Trust that would be tax deductible for the donor. At the same time, HCPD would receive a small compensation for their part in selling the lots and maintaining the records.

Persons interested in donating to the cemetery's upkeep may send donations to **PETERSON** Cemetery % HCPD, 45 Abbotts Run Rd., Horner, WV 26372. Persons interested in purchasing a lot may call Joy **STALNAKER** at (304) 269-7091 or at her home in the evenings and on weekends at (304) 452-8495.

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FAMILY SCRIBE

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: 'Tell our story. So, so we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us." How many times have I

walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen. The bones here are of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that their fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.

It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those whom we had never known before.

Author Unknown

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QUERIES ?????

1. Searching for information on the grave site location of Colonel Wellington **HOLLEN**, in the Sand Run Baptist Cemetery, Upshur County. All my sources show this is where he was buried, but I cannot locate his grave, and the Church does not have records for that time. He was born in 1816, in Pendleton County, and died in 1880, in Banks District, Upshur County. Also, I have found where he was referred to as, "Colonel" Wellington **HOLLEN**, but cannot find his name in any Civil War rosters, North or South..does anyone know this information and will share with me. He was my Great-Grandfather. Thanks so much. Karen **HOLLEN**- Karen6882@comcast.net

2. I am a member of the DAR, through my GGGG-Grandfather, Samuel **PRINGLE**. He and his brother John were famous for living in the **PRINGLE** Tree, outside of Buckhannon, WV...if anyone needs information on him, or wants to join the DAR, using him as your Patriot, please email me. Karen **HOLLEN** Karen6882@comcast.net

3. Searching for anyone who may have descendant information on these lines of my family: Joseph Zebulon **HOLLEN**, my GGGG-Grandfather, James Washington **DEBARR**, my Great-Grandfather, Henry Bean, my GG-Grandfather, who was the Father of my, Great-Grandmother, Susan Catherine Bean **WAYT**, who was married to my G-Grandfather, James Knox **WAYT**..please email me if you have information on any of these surnames. Thanks. Karen **HOLLEN** Karen6882@comcast.net

4. Looking for mtDNA results for anyone with Matriarchs in the HCPD area. In other words if you, or someone you know, has taken an mtDNA test and your all-female line goes back to a Pioneer woman in the HCPD part of WV, I'd like to hear from you. I'm thinking of starting a project to compile these Matriarchs into some form that would be easy to lookup for HCPD members; and to create a stimulus for more people to get their mtDNA tested and document the female lines better. Jim **BARLETT** 7224 Beacon Ter, Bethesda, MD 20817 jim4bartletts@verizon.net

5. The following women all have the same mtDNA and descend from my ancestor Anne ____ who married Thomas **BARLETT** c1730-1806 who settled in Harrison Co, VA in 1785. I am looking for their children, particularly their daughters and who they married. You get a gold star if you can tell me the all-

female line down to the present! Maybe through mtDNA I can finally find the maiden name of my ancestor Anne.

Margaret "Patsey" **POWELL** b 1790s m 1816 Harrison Co, VA Anthony **JOHNSON** Elizabeth **POWELL** m William **NEWLON** b 1798 Charlotte **POWELL** m 1807 Harrison Co, VA Joseph **BAILEY** Jr Susan **BAILEY** b 1819 m 1838 Benjamin **YATES** Olive **BAILEY** b 1835 m 1838 Isaac **YATES** Emeline Matilda **BAILEY** b 1829 m 1845 Joseph Sharps **LAWSON** Nancy **POWELL** b 1801 m John **DAVIDSON** Narcissa **BAILEY** b 1838 m 1857 **HYRE BRAKE** Eleanor **BAILEY** b 1841 m Scott **BLACK** Mary Ann **DRAGOO** 1812 m 1837 **IN** Lunsford J **THORN** Elizabeth **BRAGOO** 1827 m 1853 **IN** David Terrell **HAINES** Emily **DRAGOO** 1834 m 1855 **IN** Pierson **FRANKLIN** Catherine **PRUNTY** m John **CROSS**; lived Ritchie Co, WV Anna **WOOD** 1798 m 1817 Harrison Co, VA Alburtus **BOGGESS** Elizabeth **WOOD** m 1819 Harrison Co, VA Felix **ROBINSON** Amelia **WOOD** m 1839 Harrison Co, VA Daniel **FLEMING**
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6. I need to know who were the parents of Samuel C. **MILLER** b. 25 Apr 1796 and how was this birthdate found? Also it was said he was born in Greenbrier Co. He died in Spencer, Roane Co., WV on 13 Jan 1876. Believe he and family lived in the Spring Creek area of Spencer. Ca 1817 he married Rebecca **CARPENTER** - who was b. 1 Apr 1793 d/o Jeremiah **CARPENTER** and Elizabeth **HAMM** (who were married on 8 Mar 1785 by Rev. John **ALDERSON**.) I would appreciate any help at all on this family.

It is said that John E. **WINES** was born 1803 and he married Sarah/Sally **STEWART** on 21 Oct 1824 in Parkersburg, Wood Co., WV by the Rev. Lawrence **KING** handling the ceremony. Could his mother be a Sarah ?**SMITH**? who died on the **SMITH** farm in **REEDY**, Roane Co., WV perhaps in 1842. (according to information printed by John House.) Think that Sally **STEWART** was the d/o Charles and Virginia/Jane **SMITH** and she was born ca 1806, died on 1838 in **REEDY**. Charles is thought to be the son/of William **STEWART** and Elizabeth **GIVENS**. Does anyone have any information on these people?

I find an Elizabeth **GIVENS** b.ca 1731 and she married William **STEWART** ca 1750 maybe in Lancaster Co., PA. He died on 10 Feb 1811 near the area called Stewartown in Monongalia Co. Was this area named after William and his brother, Charles or their family? Elizabeth died 8 Nov 1813. Where are they buried? Need her parents - was her mother a **THOMAS** or **THOMPSON**? Can ANYONE help me with this family at all?

My great grandfather was John Webster **BUTCHER**, s/o Joseph **BUTCHER** and his wife, Eunice **MCNEMAR** of Lewis Co., WV. John was born near Weston, Lewis/Harrison Co. John married Eliza Laverna **GLAZE** in 1852 which we all accept but the family tradition says they eloped to Parkersburg. I

have done the clusters of the counties around and cannot find a marriage record. We even have her sister's notes describing the dress Eliza made for the ceremony. Very frustrating. Doesn't anyone connect to this family or know anything about them? ANY help would be really appreciated. Bette **BUTCHER** Topp - toppline@comcast.net 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218 [509] 467-2299

7. Looking for the parents and grandparents of Yonda (**HEATER**) **BERRY** b. 11 Sep 1916 in Heaters, Braxton County, d. 21 Nov 1999 in South Charleston, WV. Her mother was Myrtle **HEATER** (maiden name unknown) b. 1897 in Braxton County, d. 1997 in South Charleston, WV. Her first husband was Rusty **BERRY**, second husband was Walter **DODSON**. Jo Fortney juwanna@aol.com
Address

8. Where did George Lee **ROBY/ROBEY**, b. 1860, spend his childhood? I'm looking for information about him, my great grandfather. His death certificate shows his parents as Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON**. Lewis Vincent **ROBY** lists the same parents. I find Nellie **WILSON** and Vincent **ROBY** living in the same household in the 1860 Braxton County census but after that, I'm stumped. Nellie is nowhere to be found after, or before, that census. And George Lee does not show up again until adulthood. Vincent Molen **ROBY** later married Malinda **LOUGH MOLLIHAN**, a widow. George Lee's obituary lists two of their children, Cordelia **KNICELY** and Alvina **KNICELY**, as his sisters, most certainly half sisters. Those women married **KNICELY** brothers I believe. Did Vincent Molen **ROBY** and Nellie **WILSON** ever marry? Was Nellie of American Indian descent? Where did George Lee **ROBY** live during his childhood? If you have any of these people in your family line, I would love to hear from you. Linda Hockel ljhockel@columbus.rr.com 7635 Quetzal Drive Dublin, Ohio 43017

9. Would appreciate any information about John **MITCHEL(L)** Jr., son of the Rev. John **MITCHELL**, particularly after John Jr. left Virginia and took up residence in Kentucky. John Jr. was born abt 1797 in Pendleton County, Virginia; married Mary D "Polly" **HOOE** in Lewis County, VA, 26 Jan 1818; moved to Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, sometime in the mid 1840s (he's included in the Lewis County, VA tax rolls until then), and appears in the 1850 US Census in KY; he died in Nicholas County, KY, abt 1860. Larry A. Mitchel (GGG-grandson of Rev. John Mitchel), mitchel.larry@gmail.com; 916.786.3296.

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